

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response the Office Action mailed on April 3, 2007.

Claim 8 is currently pending in this application, with claim 8 being independent. *No new matter has been added.*

Reexamination in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections

While not conceding the propriety of these rejections and in order to advance the prosecution of the above-identified application, claims 1-7 have been canceled.

Withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

Newly added claim

Claim 8 is drawn to a card making device comprising:

character data storage means (13) adapted to store character data;

character data selection means (11) adapted to select specified character data, said specified character data relating to specific characters (31) for a card (60);

character data extraction means (12) adapted to extract said specified character data from said character data storage means (13),

said specified character data being associated with said specific characters (31),

each of said specific characters (31) being displayed on a character selection screen (30),

one of said specific characters (31a) displayed on said character selection screen (30) being user-selectable,

said character selection screen (30) including a cursor (35) to select said one of said specific characters (31a), a select button (32) to trigger said character data selection means (11) when selecting said one of said specific characters (31a), a cancel button (33) to cancel selection of said one of said specific characters (31a), and an enter button (34) to enter said one of said specific characters (31a);

card layout information input means (14) adapted to input card layout information,

said one of said specific characters (31a) and card layout information being displayed on a character display screen (40) different from said character selection screen (30),

said character display screen (40) being presented upon user-selection of said one of said specific characters (31a);

card display image information generation means (15) adapted to generate card display image information,

said card display image information being displayed on a card layout generation screen (50) different from said character display screen (40),

said card display image information specifying a positioning on said card (60) of said one of said specific characters (31a) and card layout information,

said character display screen (40) including edit buttons to operate said card layout information input means (14), to position said one of said specific characters (31a), and to position said card layout information;

 card display image information output means (16) adapted to output said card display image information received from said card display image information generation means (15); and

 a printer (20) adapted to produce said card (60), said card (60) being a hardcopy image of said card display image information.

 U.S. Patent No. 6,835,135 to Silverbrook et al. (Silverbrook), U.S. Patent No. 6,807,521 to Kurosawa et al. (Kurosawa), and U.S. Patent No. 6,200,216 to Peppel, either individually or as a whole, fail to disclose, teach, or suggest a card making device wherein each of the specific characters (31) is displayed on a character selection screen (30), one of the specific characters (31a) and card layout information are displayed on a character display screen (40) different from a character selection screen (30), the card display image information is displayed on a card layout generation screen (50) different from the character display screen (40). Allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

 For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, this response is believed to be a complete response to the Office Action.

 Applicants reserve the right to set forth further arguments supporting the patentability of their claims, including the separate patentability of the dependent claims not explicitly addressed herein, in future papers.

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CFR 1.104(d)(2), MPEP § 2144.03. See also, *Ex parte Natale*, 11 USPQ2d 1222, 1227-1228 (Bd. Pat. App. & Int. 1989)(failure to provide any objective evidence to support the challenged use of Official Notice constitutes clear and reversible error).

Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks is courteously solicited.

Extensions of time

Please treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

Fees

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all required fees, fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, or all required extension of time fees. If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753.

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